Grant of political asylum to Indians by United States

2716. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express of July 30, 1987 under the caption "U.S. asylum for Indian alleging persecution".

(b) if so, what is the name of the person who has been granted asylum by the U.S. Government; and

(c) whether any protest has been lodged with the U.S. Government in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Harbhajan Singh.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Embassy of India, Washington, has conveyed the anxiety and concern of the Government of India over this development and requested the State Department to initiate urgent remedial measures.

Filling up of Vacancies from Scheduled Tribes in NDMC

2717. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI S. C. JAMIR:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policy decision of the Government of India in connection with the filling up of posts in requisite percentage by Scheduled Tribes' candidates is also applicable to New Delhi Municipal Committee;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the New Delhi Municipal Committee has not filled up even 7½ per cent of the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Tribes during the last forty years; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to ensure that the policy decision of the Government of India is complied with by the NDMC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The short-fall is due to non-availability of Scheduled Tribe candidates for appointment against direct recruitment posts and also for promotion posts.

(c) In addition to notifying the posts reserved for the Scheduled Tribes, to the Employment Exchange, the same are also intimated to various associations connected with the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. In order that appropriately qualified SC/ST candidates become available, reservations have been effected in all technical, semi-technical and professional courses. Free examination-coaching centres have also been set up to prepare the SC/ST candidates for competitive examinations. Separate hostel facilities have also been made available for them.

MPEDA proposal for establishing a prawn hatchery at Gopalpur-on Sea

2718. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Marine Products Export Development Authority has put up a proposal for establishing a prawn hatchery at Gopalpur-on-Sea (Bhubaneshwar) with French collaboration;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and